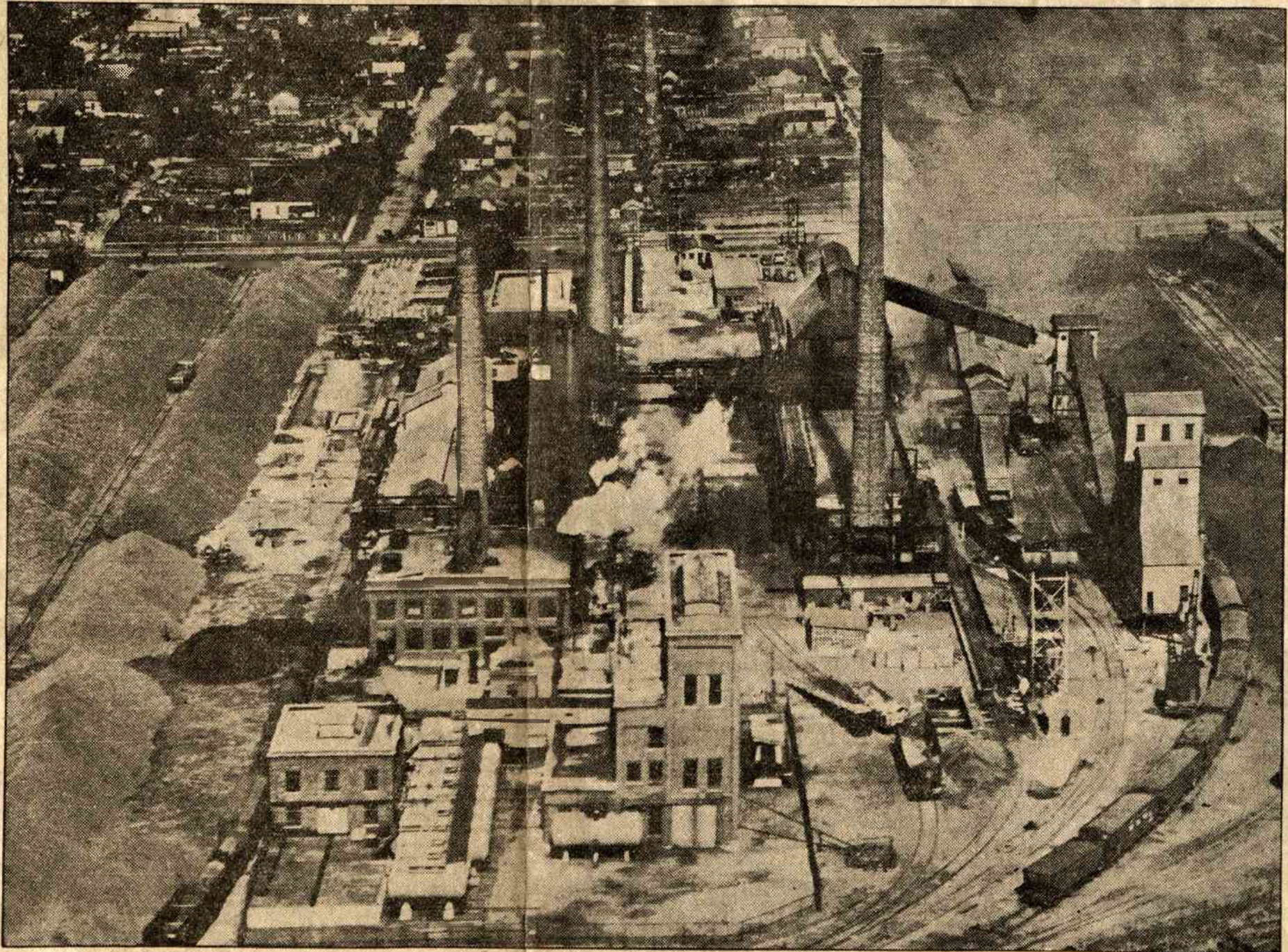
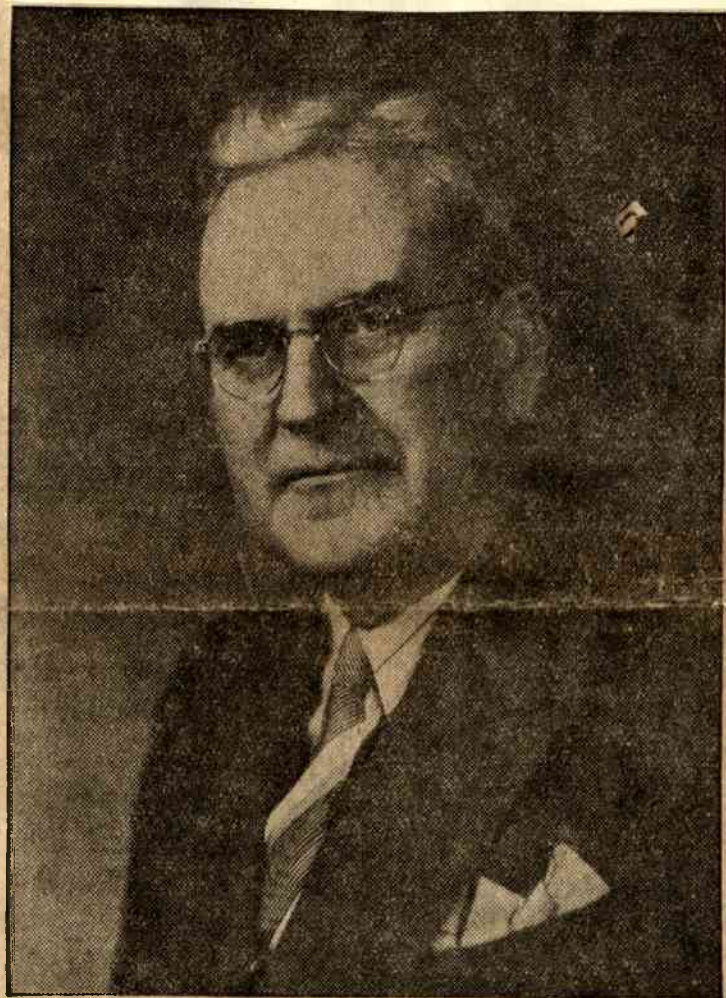


INDIANA GAS AND CHEMICAL CORP. A MAJOR INDUSTRY

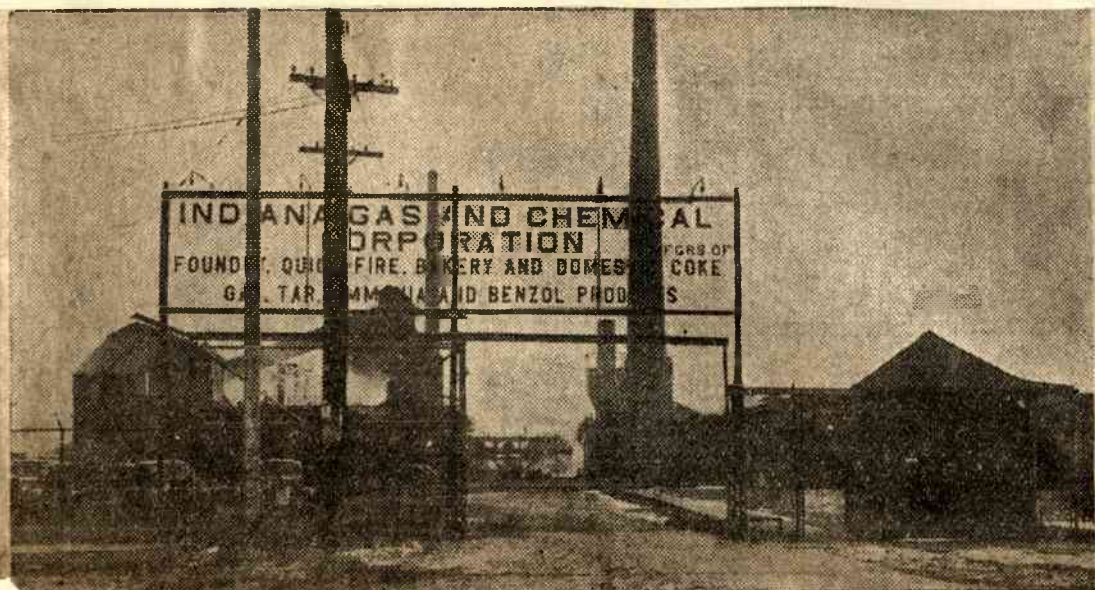


Above is a general view of the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation, located here.

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H. L. COMIN.
Plant Manager.



Main entrance of the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation plant in Terre Haute is shown above.

IND. GAS & CHEM. IS HUGE FIRM

Coke a Principal Product of Major Business Operat- ing in Terre Haute.

Business during the last quarter of 1939 showed definite improvement and prospects for the immediate future appear bright, according to H. L. Comin, plant manager of the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation. One of the principal manufacturing plants of the corporation is located in Terre Haute.

A not generally known fact, and one realized by few people, is that coke is not a by-product, but a major product of the industry, declares Mr. Comin. Although the company does manufacture a number of by-products, coke does not fall in that classification but is a definite product on its own merits.

For the information of the consumer of coke, it should be explained that all retail sales are not made through the company, but that all sales are made through regularly authorized dealers. The Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation, however, stands behind the quality and preparation of the coke, of course, recommending highly the authorized dealers who sell the coke.

Distribute Stoker.

Another fact of interest to the fuel user is that the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation is local distributor for the nationally known "Furna-Slave." This completely automatic stoker is adaptable for the burning of small size coke and several hundred installations already have been made in Terre Haute and the Wabash Valley to the satisfaction of the users.

Mr. Comin points out that each year coke finds wider and wider acceptance as a popular domestic fuel. The use of domestic coke locally, however, is a minor part of the production of the plant only. By far the principal product of the local plant is the Terre Haute special foundry coke, as well as the firm's justly famous "Quick-Fire" egg, stove, nut and pea coke.

Re-emphasizing again that coke is not a by-product, Mr. Comin explained that the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation does produce a number of by-products including coal tar, ammonia, benzol, toluol and xyloul.

In addition to the products and by-products mentioned above, the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation is providing gas by means of pipe lines to a number of cities and towns in Indiana through regular distributors, including Terre Haute, Clinton, Brazil, Greencastle, Martinsville, Franklin, Columbus, Bedford, Bloomington, Seymour and Mitchell.

In connection with local smoke-abatement problems, Mr. Comin points out the possibilities of coke as an ideally smokeless fuel.

Mr. Comin, plant manager for the Indiana Gas and Chemical Corporation here, has been with the local plant for the past thirteen years.

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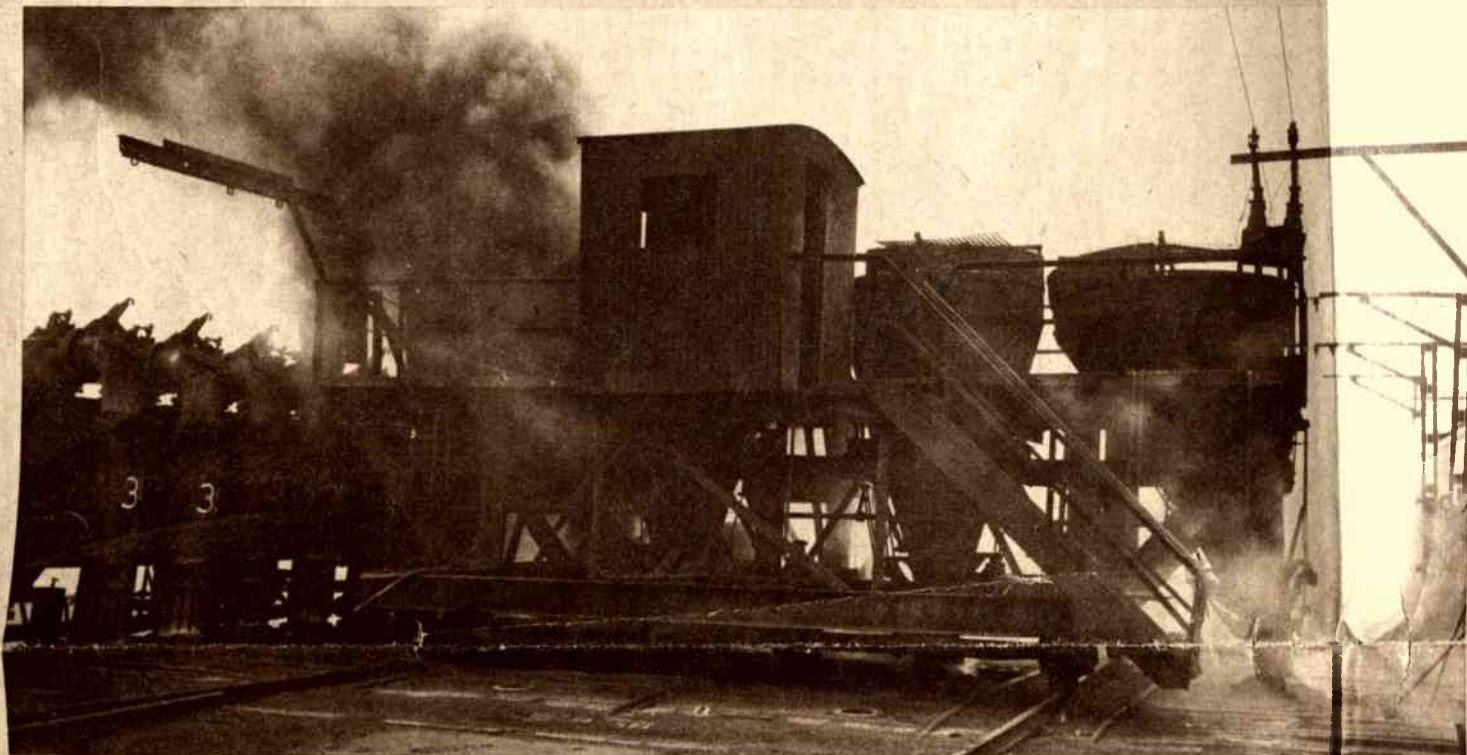
TERRE HAUTE INDUSTRY ON PARADE AT INDIANA GAS & CHEMICAL CORP.

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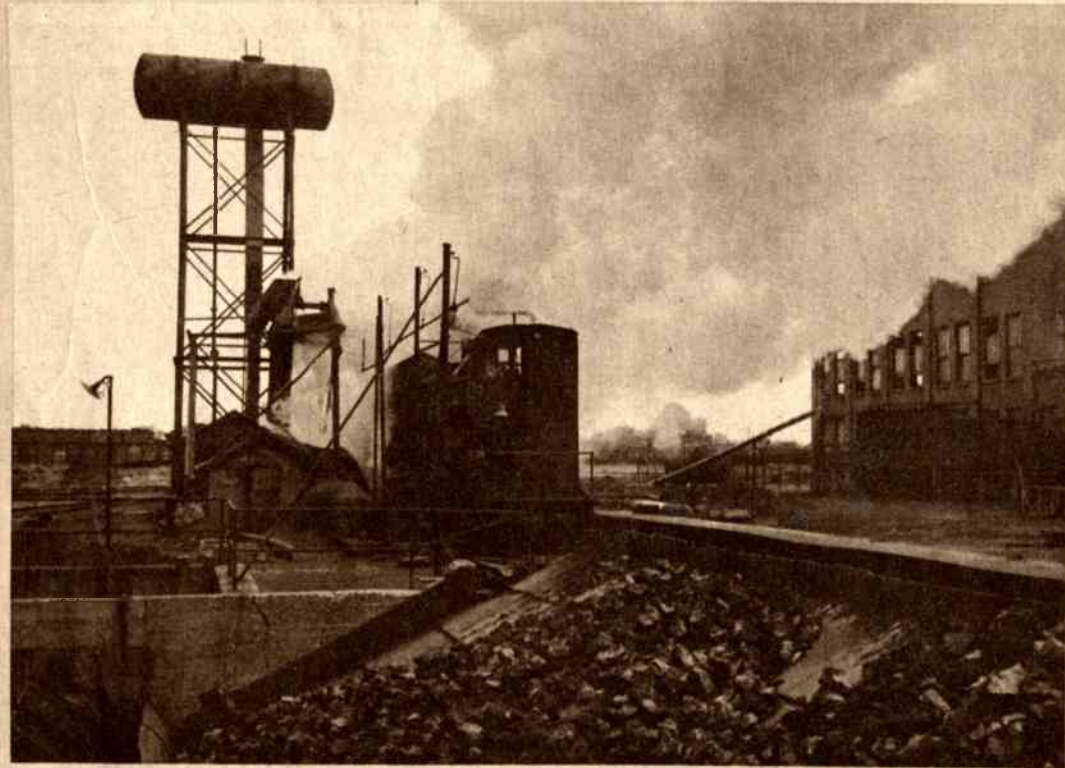
AERIAL VIEW of the Indiana Gas & Chemical plant at Thirteenth and Hulman streets occupying 87 acres of land and bordered by the two thoroughfares and the Milwaukee Railroad yards and spurs.



COAL LARRY charging the coal into the ovens to produce coke and its by-products of gas, tar, ammonia and light oils.



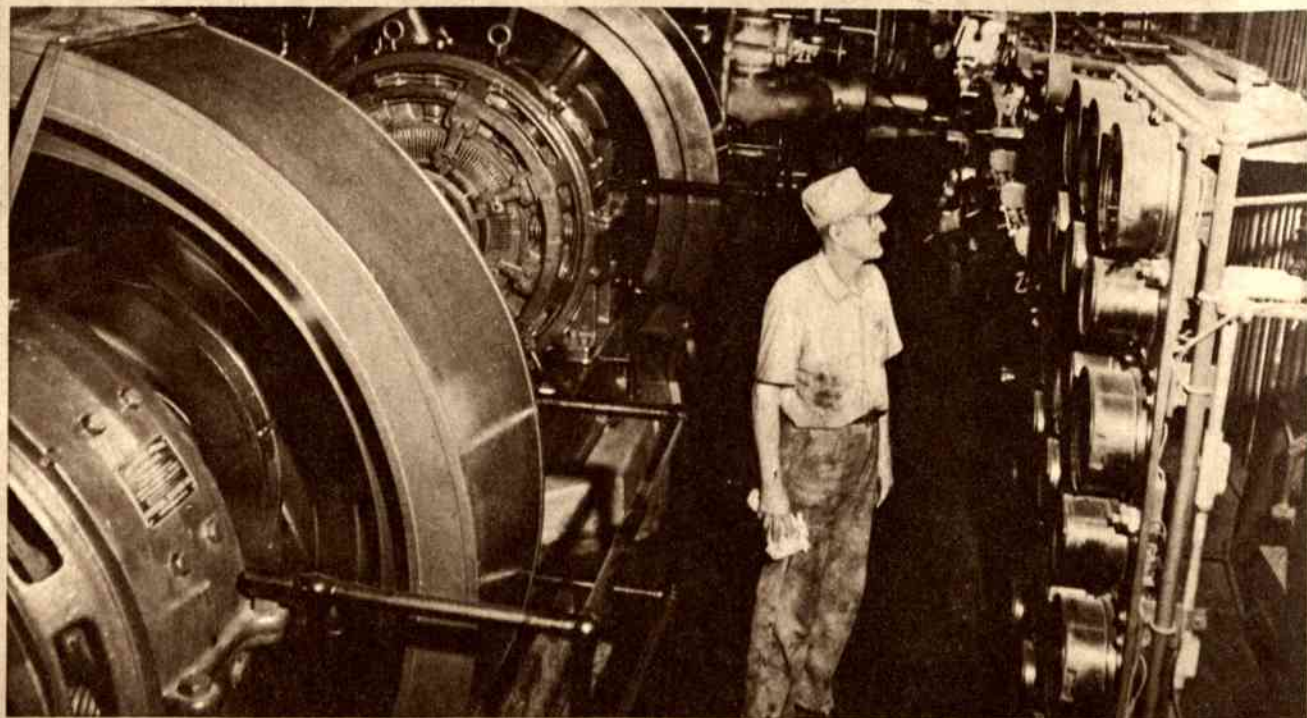
PUSHING COKE out of ovens after 36 hours of baking to form the coke. Here the coke is pushed into the hot car to be cooled at a water quenching station.



STEAM RISING in the background results from 1,800-degree red-hot coke being quenched. The coke in the foreground has passed through the quenching operation and is ready for screening as to size and shipment to the various markets.



LOADING FOUNDRY COKE into trucks and railroad cars for shipment to markets throughout the immediate area and all parts of the state, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and parts of Canada, is accomplished in this section of the plant.

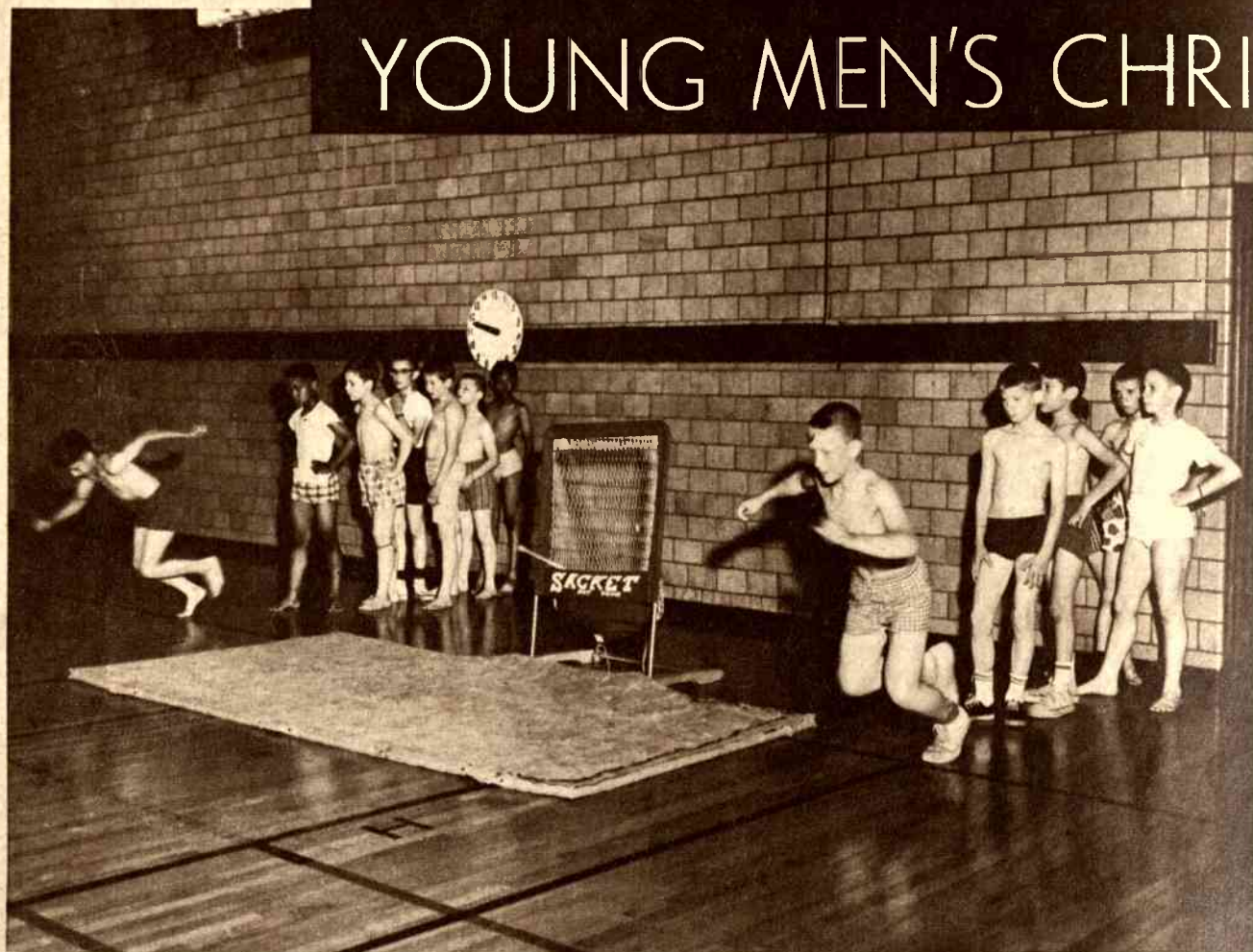


POWER HOUSE machinery is inspected by Ralph Musselman. Here the industry manufactures its own electrical power in huge generators.



HERE RAILROAD cars are loaded with prepared sizes of coke by a diesel locomotive train. Stockpile reserves such as these simulate a hilly relief map effect for aerial viewers over the area.

UNITED FUND AGENCIES IN ACTION YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



OFF AND RUNNING—In line with the YMCA slogan "It's better to build boys . . . than mend men," the Y offers a complete program of recreational, physical and cultural activities. These youngsters are enjoying the facilities of the modern gym. Membership in the Y is available to all boys and men. The Y also maintains residence rooms for men. Many college students call the Y their "home-away-from-home."



STUDY TIME?—Where else would you find boys as intent and quiet—except when they are reading the comic books. These little fellas are awaiting their turns in the game room . . . the gym . . . or the pool, on a busy Saturday morning. The local YMCA, which is located at 200 South Sixth, conducts a year-round program that includes day camping in the summer months.



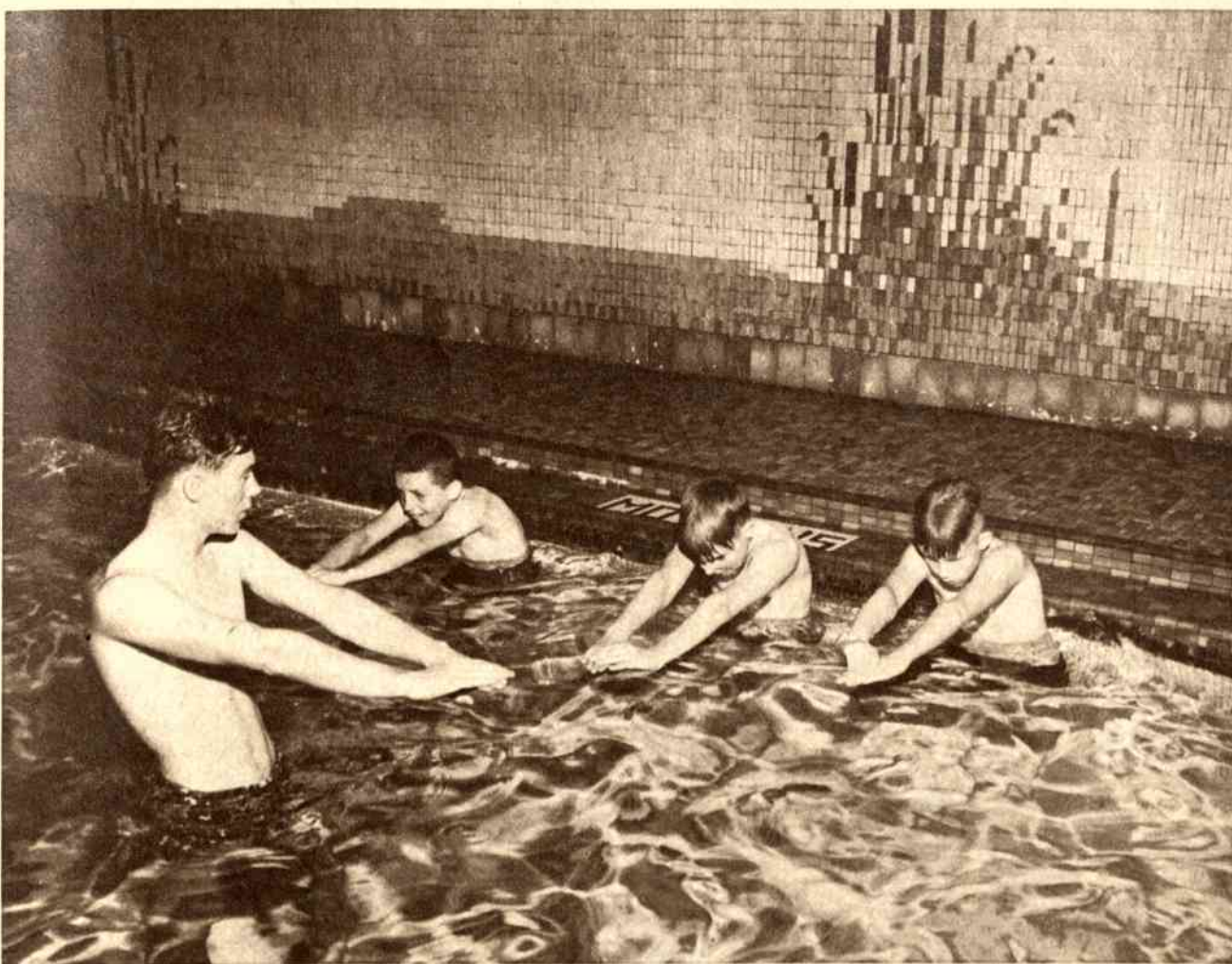
CONCENTRATION—The game rooms at the YMCA receive a steady stream of boys. All activities are supervised by members of the staff, under the direction of Carl Wightman, executive director. After school on week days the Y transforms into the busiest place in town. Members are divided by age groups, and each boy knows the schedule for the particular activities he is interested in.



MOVIE TIME—Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe . . . with the help of YMCA members. Saturday morning is movie time, and what is better than relaxing and watching . . . after a full morning of fun and companionship.



CRAFT SHOP—Building model airplanes is a fascinating hobby . . . particularly when you dream about flying one just like the one you are building. Older boys help supervise the younger ones. The Y program is an ever expanding one, that is racing to keep pace with the community. The YMCA is a well equipped and modern building, that would do credit to many larger communities. The local program operates on one of the lowest per capita in the state.



LEARN TO SWIM—"Skip" Wightman gives personal instruction to three future swimmers. Last year the Y gave 564 boys swimming lessons, and 473 of them passed the 25-yard test. Life saving certificates were issued to 58 young boys and men. United Fund dollars help make this program possible. Per the UF campaign slogan . . . "a nickel a day, the United way . . . will teach 36 boys to swim."

Indiana Gas and Chemical to close in 3 weeks

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By Sue Loughlin
Tribune-Star Staff Reporter

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About 150 employees are expected to lose their jobs when Indiana Gas and Chemical Corp. of 1341 Hulman St. shuts down operations within three weeks, a union president representing plant employees said Wednesday.

Mike Woodcock, president of United Steelworkers of America Local 12009, said company officials met with plant supervisors and later the union grievance committee to inform them of the plant closing.

Company officials attribute the closing to the condition of the plant, which would be too expensive to rebuild, Woodcock said. The plant is more than 70 years old.

"Word went like wildfire through the plant," Woodcock said, although the company did not officially inform employees.

He said about 100 union workers and 50 non-union employees would be affected. The union has called a meeting for members at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Labor Temple "to inform them officially of the company's decision to close."

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The coke-manufacturing plant will remain open as long as the company has a stockpile of coal, which should last two to three weeks, Woodcock said. Some employees will be laid off earlier as services of departments are no longer needed.

The company president, Joe R. Cloutier, was out of town and could not be reached for comment. No company official at the plant was available for comment, including John R. Steward, vice president.

Woodcock said the board of directors made the decision to close. The company had buyout offers but officials believed amounts offered "were not enough to go with," Woodcock said.

"I'm pretty upset — I have 14 years invested in this place," he said. "There's nothing you really can do."

He did not know who owned the company, but said the Hulman family had a heavy interest in the plant.

The news was not a total surprise. "We've heard rumors for years," Woodcock said. "The company told us all along they were doing their best to keep it running."

Nevertheless, "I didn't expect anything this drastic," Woodcock said.

Woodcock said it does not appear workers will be getting severance pay. "The company did not want to talk about it," Woodcock said.

Workers are entitled to unemployment, and those with accrued vacation will get it, he said.

He said workers were real "shocked and disappointed" at the decision to cease operations. He said the company has not invested money into the plant in the past 10 to 15 years.

He said the company was "selling everything they are making."

Ron Boswell of West Terre Haute, a 15-year employee of the plant, said, "A lot of us were expecting it for awhile ... It's

hard to take if you've got a family to take care of."

Boswell, a welder, said, "It seems like Terre Haute is losing all of its industry. There are just no manufacturing jobs."

Arnold Helt, 46, of Shelburn has worked there 20 years. "You hate to hear it," he said. "It's one of those things — there is nothing you can do. It makes you feel bad."